

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A structure for use as a ~~tree well skirt~~ or sidewalk, comprising:

a porous base layer of a combination of butadiene rubber granules and peelings or buffings, and a ~~first binder; and;~~ first binder, the combination of butadiene rubber granules and peelings or buffings being varied in amount relative to one another to increase or decrease the porosity of the base layer; and

a wear layer of ethylene propylene diene monomer (EPDM) and a second binder on top of the base layer.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The structure of claim [[2]] 1 wherein the butadiene rubber is recycled vehicle tires or industrial rubber.

4. (Currently Amended) The structure of claim [[2]] 1 wherein the first binder is isocyanate polyurethane.

5. (Previously Presented) The structure of claim 4 wherein the ratio of the first binder to butadiene rubber in the base layer is 16% by weight.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The structure of claim [[6]] 1 wherein the butadiene rubber granules of ~~butadiene rubber~~ are in the range of 1.5 mm to 6 mm, inclusive.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The structure of claim [[9]] 1 wherein the mixture combination of granules to peelings or buffings is 70% granules and 30% peelings or buffings.
11. (Currently Amended) The structure of claim [[9]] 1 where the mixture combination of granules to peelings or buffings is 50% granules and 50% peelings or buffings.
12. (Previously Presented) The structure of claim 10 or 11 wherein the butadiene rubber is recycled vehicle tires or industrial rubber.
13. (Currently Amended) The structure of claim [[2]] 1 wherein the base layer is one and one-half to three and one-half inches thick.
14. (Currently Amended) The structure of claim [[2]] 1 wherein the base layer is two inches thick.
15. (Previously Presented) The structure of claim 1 wherein the second binder of the wear layer is isocyanate polyurethane.
16. (Previously Presented) The structure of claim 15 wherein the ratio of the second binder to EPDM is 20% by weight.
17. (Previously Presented) The structure of claim 16 wherein the EPDM is granular.
18. (Previously Presented) The structure of claim 17 wherein the granules are in the range of 1.5 mm to 6 mm in diameter, inclusive.
19. (Previously Presented) The structure of claim 1 wherein the binder of the wear layer contains aliphatic diisocyanate.
20. (Previously Presented) The structure of claim 19 wherein the EPDM is granular and the granules are in the range of 1.5 mm to 6 mm in diameter, inclusive.
21. (Previously Presented) The structure of claim 1 wherein the base layer is two inches to three inches thick and the wear layer is three-eighths to one-half inch thick.